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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: GE, PFOR

SUBJECT: INVITATION TO ATTEND CONDOLENCE CEREMONIES FOR  
DECEASED GDR POLITBURO MEMBER

REF: BERLIN 5460

1. DECISION ON WHAT EVENTS IF ANY TO ATTEND IN CONNECTION  
WITH WARNKE DEATH IS ESSENTIALLY ONE WHICH POST MUST MAKE,  
TAKING INTO ACCOUNT LOCAL CONDITIONS. THERE ARE NO HARD  
AND FAST US RULES FOR ATTENDANCE OF FUNERALS AND SIGNING  
OF CONDOLENCE BOOKS BY US AMBASSADORS ABROAD.  
FREQUENTLY, IMPORTANT FACTOR IN DECISIONS OF THIS NATURE  
IS CONNECTION DECEASED HAD WITH US OR WITH OUR OFFICIALS,  
WHICH IN THIS CASE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN NONE. OTHER  
FACTORS WHICH POST MAY WISH TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION IN  
COMING TO THIS AND FUTURE DECISIONS INCLUDE (A) DECEASED'S  
ROLE IN FDGB AND GENERAL ATTITUDE OF US LABOR

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MOVEMENT AND USG TOWARD FDGB AND OTHER MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

OF WFTU--CHOOSING LOW PROFILE EVENT EMPHASIZING POLITBURO  
RATHER THAN LABOR FUNCTION OF DECEASED WOULD BE PREFERABLE;  
(B) PLANS OF BRITISH AND FRENCH AMBASSADORS AND THOSE OF  
OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES (PARTICULARLY DENMARK AND SWEDEN,  
WHERE WARNKE SPENT WAR YEARS); AND (C) POSSIBLE NEGATIVE  
REACTION OF HOST GOVERNMENT TO REFUSAL TO ATTEND ANY  
GIVEN EVENT.

2. INVITATIONS OF THIS NATURE DO NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN  
RECEIVED IN PAST BY OTHER EE POSTS OR BY MOSCOW SO  
PRECEDENTS DO NOT EXIST. KISSINGER

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